[Mr. Chairman] [28th February 1963

Additional Assessment and Additional Water-Cess Bill, 1963 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1963), as passed by the Assembly, for the recommendation of the Council and certifying that the Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 199 of the Constitution of India.

(2) DECISION OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN : At a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee held at 2-30 p.m. to-day, the following programme of business has been decided :—

1—3 –1963—

(1) Presentation of Budget for the year 1963–64.

(2) The Madras Home Guard Bill, 1963, L.A. Bill No. 6 1963).

(3) Clause-by-clause consideration of the Madras Additional Assessment and Additional Water-Cess Bill, 1963 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1963)

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(5 days.) } General discussion on the Budget for the year 1963–64.

8—3—1963 Reply to the Debate on the Budget.

The Council will meet at 3 p.m. on all days. The Council will adjourn on the 8th March 1963 and meet again at 3 p.m. on the 20th March 1963.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

(1) THE MADRAS ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ADDITIONAL WATER CESS BILL, 1963 (L.A. BILL NO. 4 OF 1963)

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move—

" That the Madras Additional Assessment and Additional Water Cess Bill 1963 * (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1963), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration). "

Sir, the cost of administration of irrigation projects has risen up considerably. An examination of costs of maintenance of even old projects shows that in some cases they are as much as four or five times the cost we were incurring in the year 1930. So also Government are committed to spending a large amount on the maintenance of minor irrigation works, grants in respect of which are being given to Panchayat Unions. Also, a comparison of the wet assessments and water rates that are being charged under the old projects such as Cauvery Mettur Project with the water rates levied under the new projects such as Lower Bhavani, Krishnagiri, Vaigai and

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